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SENATE BILL 1352

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 45, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 45-595.01; RELATING TO WELLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 45, chapter 2, article 10, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 45-595.01, to read:

4 45-595.01. Well drillers; continuing education; advisory
5 committee

6 A. AS A PREREQUISITE TO RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, A STATE LICENSED WATER
7 WELL DRILLER SHALL PRESENT EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE DIRECTOR OF HAVING
8 MET THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

9 B. THE BASIC CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE
10 IS COMPLETION BY THE APPLICANT DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF
11 COURSES OR SEMINARS OF AT LEAST FOUR CREDIT HOURS. THE COURSES OR SEMINARS
12 SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION C.

13 C. THE DIRECTOR SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO COURSES OF INSTRUCTION,
14 SEMINARS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL COURSES, OR PROGRAMS DEVELOPED AND
15 RECOMMENDED BY WATER WELL DRILLING ASSOCIATIONS, THE WELL DRILLERS CONTINUING
16 EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR THE DIRECTOR MAY ACCEPT APPLICABLE COURSES
17 AND PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY OTHER ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS. TOPICS FOR COURSES
18 AND SEMINARS SHALL INCLUDE SUBJECTS THAT THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES APPROPRIATE
19 TO INCREASE THE TECHNICAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES OF LICENSEES.

20 D. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT, A
21 LICENSEE SHALL COMPLETE A REVIEW COURSE COVERING WATER WELL DRILLING
22 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS.

23 E. THE DIRECTOR SHALL POST ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE INFORMATION ON
24 CLASSES, COURSES OR PROGRAMS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE CONTINUING
25 EDUCATION CREDIT REQUIREMENT.

26 F. THE WELL DRILLERS CONTINUING EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS
27 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF THE DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, ONE PERSON
28 WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A SUPPLIER OR MANUFACTURER OF WELL DRILLING
29 EQUIPMENT AND WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR, ONE MEMBER WHO IS A TECHNICAL
30 ADVISOR IN THE FIELD OF WELL DRILLING AND WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR
31 AND FOUR LICENSED WELL DRILLERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR. MEMBERS
32 OF THE COMMITTEE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT OF
33 EXPENSES. APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE FOR STAGGERED TWO
34 YEAR TERMS. INITIAL TERMS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LOT.

35 G. THE DIRECTOR MAY WAIVE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION
36 REQUIREMENTS FOR GOOD CAUSE.

37 Sec. 2. Applicability; posting; continuing education

38 A. This act applies to persons who seek to renew their well drilling
39 licenses for any period on or after July 1, 2009.

40 B. The director shall post the classes, courses or programs necessary
41 to comply with continuing education requirements no later than June 30, 2008.

1 Sec. 3. Purpose

2 The purpose of this act is to increase protection of groundwater
3 resources, increase compliance with well drilling rules, increase protection
4 for prospective well owners and increase public confidence in water well
5 contractors by requiring the contractors that renew their licenses to remain
6 current on regulatory, industry and technological advances.